Puri, Konarak, Rourkela, Gopalpur, Chilka lake, Chandipur on sea, Simlipal, Cuttack etc.

(b) to (d) Department of Tourism has priortised 30 projects/schemes for providing financial assistance of about Rs. 764.00 lakhs during current year 1997-98 for the development of tourism in Orissa. These projects are located at various places including those visited by foreign tourits.

The following new circuits have also been identified in Orissa for intensive development of tourism.

1. Bhubaneswar-Lalitgiri-Ratnagiri-Udaygiri-Kendra Parha-Chand Bali-Bhadrak (Sun Temple).

2. Harishankar-Narsinghanath-Hirakud-Sambalpur-Bed Vyas (Gandhamardhan Circuit).

3. Swaranchuda Circuit —Chandipur-Chandaneswar-Panchelingeswar-Simlipal Sanctuary-Khiching.

4. Koraput-Arakku Valley-Nandapur-Gupteshwar-Rayaghda (Panchbati Circuit).

विदेशी पर्यटकों का पांच सितारा होटलों के स्थान पर सस्ते होटलों में ठहरना

773. **श्री राम जेठमलानी:** क्या पर्यटन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार ने विदेशों से भारत आने वाले पर्यटकों की औसत वार्षिक संख्या का पता लगाया है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी संख्या क्या है और यह संख्या विश्व के कुल पर्यटकों की संख्या का कितने प्रतिशत है;

(ग) क्या सरकार ने इस बात का भी पता लगाया है कि विदेशी पर्यटक महंगे पांच सितारा होटलों में ठहरने की अपेक्षा छोटे और सस्ते होटलों में ठहरते हैं; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो सस्ते होटलों तथा महंगे होटलों में ठहरने वाले पर्यटकों के औसत के संबंध में सरकार का क्या आकलन है?

संसदीय कार्य मंत्री तथा पर्यटन मंत्री (श्री श्रीकान्त जेना): (क) और (ख) वर्ष 1995 और 1996 के दौरान विदेशों से भारत आए पर्यटकों की संख्या के साथ-साथ पूरे विश्व में पर्यटकों के आवागमन की संख्या और उसमें भारत की भागीदारी का प्रतिशत इस प्रकार है:—

वर्ष	पर्यटक विश्व	आगमन (हजार में) भारत	विश्व में भारत की भागीदारी का प्रतिशत
1995	566384	2123.683	0.37
1996	591864	2287.860	0.39

(ग) और (घ) वर्ष 1988-89 में इस विभाग द्वारा भारत आने वाले पर्यटकों पर कराए गए सर्वेक्षण के आधार पर यह पाया गया कि 40—60% पर्यटक सुविधासम्पन्न होटलों में ठहरते हैं, 30—40% पर्यटक कुछ कम कीमत के होटलों में ठहरते हैं और 20—30% पर्यटक विभिन्न स्थानों पर कम खर्चीले श्रेणी के होटलों में ठहरते हैं। विदेशों से भारत आने वाले पर्यटकों के भारत में ठहरने की अवधि का औसत 30 दिन है।

Import of 11 containers of Chivas Regal Whisky by duty free shops of ITDC

774. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that duty free shops of ITDC at International Airports had imported 11 containers of Chivas Regal Whisky from U.S. based Seagram distillery at a cost of 12.40 crores despite the fact that ITDC had an inventory of Rs. 4.85 crores worth foreign whisky at that time;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof including the reasons for purchasing such a huge quantity of Whisky;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the Vigilance Department of ITDC had conducted inquiry into this matter; and if so, the details of the findings in this regard; and

(d) what action Government have taken against the officials concerned in this case?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI SRIKANTA KUMAR JENA): (a) and (b) During the past 4 years ITDC did not at any single point of time import 11 containers of Chivas Regal Whisky. During the last Financial Year (1996-97) ITDC imported in three instalments 9 containers of Chivas Regal Whiskey at a cost of Rs. 3.98 crores.

(c) Yes, Sir. An enquiry has been ordered by Vigilance Division of ITDC in this matter.

(d) Does not arise as the Investigations are still being conducted.

Central Assistance to Bihar for construction of Tourist Complexes and Wayside Amenities

775. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have extended Central financial assistance to the State Government of Bihar for construction of tourist complexes and wayside amenities to promote tourism in Bihar;

(b) if so, the details thereof for the last three years, year-wise; and

(c) the results achieved therefrom?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI SRIKANTA KUMAR JENA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Department of Tourism provided financial assistance to the State Government of Bihar for various tourism projects including construciton of tourist complexes and wayside amenities for the last three year as given below:

Year	Amount sanctioned (Rs. in lakhs)
1994-95	112.12
1995-96	115.84
1996-97	44.00

At tourist complex at Deogarh has been constructed by the State Government.

The House then adjourned at two minutes past eleven of the clock on Wednesday, the 26th November, 1997.

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